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July 15, 2014

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

26 July 15, 2014

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**GRANT OF EASEMENTS  
FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT  
COYOTE CREEK PARCELS 1 AND 576  
CITY OF LA MIRADA  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This action will allow the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to grant highway, pipeline, and temporary construction easements along Coyote Creek Parcels 1 and 576, in the City of La Mirada, to the State of California Department of Transportation.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Find that the grant of easements for highway, pipeline, and temporary construction purposes along Coyote Creek Parcels 1 and 576, in the City of La Mirada, and the subsequent use of said easements will not interfere or be inconsistent with the use of the parcels for any purposes of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

2. Approve the grant of the above-referenced easements for highway, pipeline, and temporary construction purposes from the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to the State of California Department of Transportation for \$468,700.

3. Delegate authority to the Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District or her designee to sign the documents for the above-referenced highway, pipeline, and temporary construction easements; negotiate and sign Right-of-Way Contracts; and authorize delivery to the State of California Department of Transportation.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval from the Board, acting as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD), to grant highway, pipeline, and temporary construction easements over Coyote Creek Parcels 1 and 576, in the City of La Mirada, to the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Caltrans requested the easements as a part of its Interstate 5 Corridor Improvement Project (Project). Execution of the right-of-way contracts will enable the LACFCD to be compensated for said easements.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1). The revenue received from this transaction will help promote fiscal sustainability for the operation and maintenance of flood control facilities. This transaction will allow for the continuation of transportation services to the area, thereby improving the quality of life for residents of the County of Los Angeles.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The total cost of the easements is \$468,700, which represents the fair market value. This amount will be deposited into the Flood Control District Fund.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Coyote Creek Parcels 1 and 576 are located northwesterly of Trojan Way and Firestone Boulevard in the City of La Mirada.

The grant of the easements is authorized by Section 2, paragraph 13, of the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act. This Section provides as follows: "The Los Angeles County Flood Control District is hereby declared to be a body corporate and politic, and has all the following powers...13. To lease, sell or dispose of any property (or any interest therein) whenever in the judgment of the board of supervisors of the property, or any interest therein or part thereof, is no longer required for the purposes of the district or may be leased for any purpose without interfering with the use of the same for the purposes of the district."

The grant of the easements is not considered adverse to the LACFCD's purposes and will not hinder the use of Coyote Creek for possible transportation, utility, recreational corridors, or flood control purposes. Moreover, the easement documents will reserve paramount rights for the LACFCD's purposes.

County Counsel will approve the easement documents as to form, and subsequent to the Board action on this matter and execution by the Chief Engineer of the LACFCD or her designee, the documents will be recorded.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

In granting these easements for highway, pipeline, and temporary construction purposes, the LACFCD is acting as a responsible agency for the Project. Caltrans, as the lead agency, has prepared an initial study, consulted with the Department of Public Works, and certified a final Environmental Impact Report for the Project on May 25, 2007. On August 16, 2011, Synopsis 25, the Board considered the final Environmental Impact Report, adopted the mitigation monitoring program, and found that the significant adverse effects of the Project had either been reduced to an acceptable level or were outweighed by the specific consideration of the Project as outlined in the Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Considerations.

This action is within the scope of the Project in the previously certified Environmental Impact Report.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action allows for the joint use of the LACFCD right of way without interfering with the primary mission of the LACFCD.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset  
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County Counsel  
Executive Office